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1 A compound corresponding to the following general formula:

5 nitrogen-containing aromatic ring – (NR₃)_p – (CO)_n- distribution agent
– (CO)_m – (NR'₃)_q – aromatic or non-aromatic ring

wherein

n, m, p and q are identical or different and are integers 0 or 1; and

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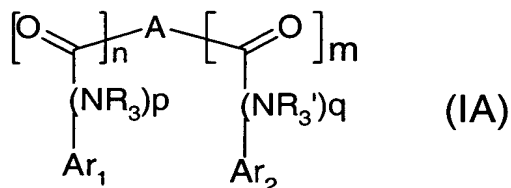
- 10 • the nitrogen-containing aromatic ring is:
- ◇ a quinoline optionally substituted with at least
 - one group N(Ra)(Rb) in which Ra and Rb, are identical or different, and are independently of each other hydrogen or a C1-C4 alkyl; or
 - 15 - one C1-C4 alkyl or alkoxy;
 - ◇ a quinoline possessing a nitrogen atom in quaternary form;
 - ◇ a benzamidine; or
 - ◇ a pyridine;
- 20 • the aromatic or non-aromatic ring is:
- ◇ a quinoline optionally substituted with at least
 - one group N(Ra)(Rb) in which Ra and Rb, are identical or different, and are independently
 - 25 - one C1-C4 alkyl or alkoxy;
 - ◇ a quinoline possessing a nitrogen atom in quaternary form;
 - ◇ a benzamidine;
 - ◇ a pyridine;
 - 30 ◇ a phenyl optionally substituted with halogen, C1-C4 alkoxy, cyano, carbonylamino optionally substituted with one or more C1-C4 alkyl, guanyl, C1-C4 alkylthio, amino,

- C1-C4 alkylamino, C1-C4 dialkylamino, nitro, C1-C4 alkyleneamino or C2-C4 alkenyleneamino; or
- 5 ◇ a mono- or bi- or tricyclic aromatic or non-aromatic heterocyclic nucleus containing 0 to 2 heteroatoms per ring provided that at least one heteroatom is present in at least one ring optionally substituted with one or more C1-C4 alkyl, C1-C4 alkylene or C2-C4 alkenylene;
- R_3 and R'_3 , which are identical or different, represent independently of each other hydrogen or C1-C4 alkyl;
- 10 • the distribution agent is:
- ◇ a triazine group optionally substituted with one or more radicals chosen from halogen, C1-C4 alkyl, and thio, oxy or amino which are themselves optionally substituted with one or more C1-C4 alkyl;
- 15 ◇ a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclic radical containing a sulfur, oxygen or nitrogen atom;
- ◇ a phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyle-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-NH-, -CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-, -CH₂-phenyl, -phenyl-CH₂-, -CH₂-thienyl-, -thienyl-CH₂-, or -CH=CH-; or
- 20 ◇ a diazine group; and wherein
- the heterocyclic, phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-NH-, -CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-, -CH₂-phenyl, -phenyl-CH₂-, -CH₂-thienyl-, -thienyl-CH₂-, -CH=CH-, and diazine are optionally substituted with the same
- 25 groups as the triazine;
- or an isomer, an enantiomer, a diastereoisomer or a mixture thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;
- with the proviso that:
- 30 when the distribution agent is phenyl optionally substituted with NH₂, and when n, m, p and q are each 1 and R_3 and R'_3 are hydrogen, then the nitrogen-containing aromatic ring and the aromatic ring are not both quinoline which is unsubstituted or substituted on its nitrogen atom with C1-C4 alkyl; and

when the distribution agent is a triazine and both p and q are 1, then both n and m are not 0.

- 2 2 The compound according to claim 1 which binds the G-quadruplex structure of telomeres.
- 5 3 The compound according to claim 1 wherein the distribution agent is chosen from the heterocyclic group, phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-NH-, -CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-, -CH₂-phenyl, -phenyl-CH₂-, -CH₂-thienyl-, -thienyl-CH₂-, -CH=CH- and diazine.
- 10 4 The compound according to claim 1 wherein the distribution agent is chosen from the heterocyclic group, the phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-, -CH₂-phenyl, -CH₂-thienyl-, -CH=CH-, and diazine.
- 15 5 The compound according to claim 1 wherein the distribution agent is chosen from the heterocyclic group, the phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-, -CH=CH-, and diazine.
- 20 6 The compound according to claim 1 wherein the distribution agent is chosen from the heterocyclic group, the phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH- and diazine.
- 7 7 The compound according to claim 1 wherein the distribution agent is thienyl or pyridyl.
- 25 8 The compound according to claim 1 wherein the distribution agent is chosen from thienyl, pyridyl, phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH- and diazine.
- 9 9 The compound according to claim 1 wherein the diazine group is a pyrimidine.
- 10 10 The compound according to claim 1 wherein p and q are 1.

11 The compound according to claim 1 having the following formula (IA) :



5 wherein

n, m, p and q are identical or different and are integers 0 or 1;

• A represents:

◇ a 5- to 6-membered heterocyclic radical containing a sulfur, oxygen or nitrogen atom;

10 ◇ a phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH-,
-NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-NH-,
-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-, -CH₂-phenyl, -phenyl-CH₂-, -CH₂-thienyl-,
-thienyl-CH₂- or -CH=CH-; or

◇ a diazine group; and wherein

15 the heterocyclic, phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH-,
-NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-NH-, -CH₂-phenyl-
CH₂-, -CH₂-phenyl, -phenyl-CH₂-, -CH₂-thienyl-, -thienyl-CH₂-,
-CH=CH-, and diazine are optionally substituted with one or more
20 radicals chosen from halogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, and thio, oxy or amino
which are themselves optionally substituted with one or more C₁-C₄
alkyl;

- R₃ and R'₃, which are identical or different, represent independently
of each other hydrogen or C₁-C₄ alkyl;

- Ar₁ and Ar₂, which are identical or different, and are independently of
25 each other selected from:

• a quinoline optionally substituted with at least
- a group N(Ra)(Rb) in which Ra and Rb are identical
or different, and are independently of each other
hydrogen or a C₁-C₄ alkyl; or

30 - a C₁-C₄ alkyl or alkoxy;

• a quinoline possessing a nitrogen atom in quaternary

form;

- a benzamidine;
- a pyridine optionally attached at the 4-position or fused with an aryl or heteroaryl group, optionally substituted with a C1-C4 alkyl;
- a phenyl optionally substituted with halogen, C1-C4 alkoxy, cyano, carbonylamino optionally substituted with one or more C1-C4 alkyl, guanyl, C1-C4 alkylthio, amino, C1-C4 alkylamino, C1-C4 dialkylamino, nitro, C1-C4 alkyleneamino or C2-C4 alkenyleneamino; or
- a mono- or bi- or tricyclic aromatic or non-aromatic heterocyclic ring containing 0 to 2 heteroatoms per ring provided that at least one heteroatom is present in at least one ring optionally substituted with one or more C1-C4 alkyl, C1-C4 alkylene or C2-C4 alkenylene;

or an isomer, an enantiomer, a diastereoisomer or a mixture thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

with the proviso that:

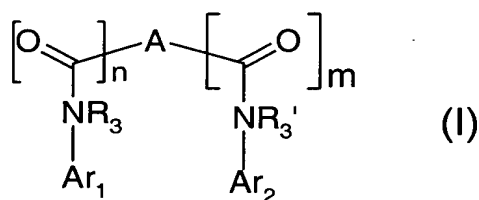
when A is phenyl optionally substituted with NH₂ and when n, m, p and q are each 1 and R₃ and R₃' are hydrogen, then Ar₁ and Ar₂ are not both quinoline which is unsubstituted or substituted on its nitrogen atom with C1-C4 alkyl; and

when A is a triazine, and both p and q are 1, then both n and m are not 0.

12 The compound according to claim 11 wherein A is chosen from heterocyclic group, phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-NH-, -CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-, -CH₂-phenyl-, -phenyl-CH₂-, -CH₂-thienyl-, -thienyl-CH₂-, -CH=CH- and pyrimidine.

13 The compound according to claim 11 wherein A is chosen from heterocyclic group, phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-, -CH₂-phenyl-, -CH₂-thienyl-, -CH=CH- and pyrimidine.

- 14 The compound according to claim 11 wherein A is chosen from heterocyclic group, phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-, -CH=CH- and pyrimidine.
- 5 15 The compound according to claim 11 wherein the diazine group which A may represent is pyrimidine.
- 16 The compound according to claim 1 having the following formula (I) :



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wherein

n and m are identical or different and are integers 0 or 1;

- A represents:

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- ◊ a 5- to 6-membered heterocyclic radical containing a sulfur, oxygen or nitrogen atom;

- ◊ a phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH- or -NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH-; or

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- ◊ a diazine group; and wherein the heterocyclic, phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, and diazine are optionally substituted with one or more radicals chosen from halogen, C1-C4 alkyl, and thio, oxy or amino which are themselves optionally substituted with one or more C1-C4 alkyl;

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- R₃ and R'₃, which are identical or different, represent independently of each other hydrogen or C1-C4 alkyl;

- Ar₁ and Ar₂, which are identical or different, and are independently of each other selected from :

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- a quinoline optionally substituted with at least
 - a group N(Ra)(Rb) in which Ra and Rb are identical or different, and are independently of each other

hydrogen or a C1-C4 alkyl; or

- a C1-C4 alkyl or alkoxy;

- a quinoline possessing a nitrogen atom in quaternary form;
- 5 • a benzamidine;
- a pyridine optionally attached at the 4-position or fused with an aryl or heteroaryl group; optionally substituted with a C1-C4 alkyl;
- 10 • a phenyl optionally substituted with halogen, C1-C4 alkoxy, cyano, carbonylamino optionally substituted with one or more C1-C4 alkyl, guanyl, C1-C4 alkylthio, amino, C1-C4 alkylamino, C1-C4 dialkylamino, nitro, C1-C4 alkyleneamino or C2-C4 alkenyleneamino; or
- 15 • a mono- or bi- or tricyclic aromatic or non-aromatic heterocyclic ring containing 0 to 2 heteroatoms per ring provided that at least one heteroatom is present in at least one ring optionally substituted with one or more C1-C4 alkyl, C1-C4 alkylene or C2-C4 alkenylene;
- or an isomer, an enantiomer, a diastereoisomer or a mixture thereof,
- 20 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof;

with the proviso that:

- when A is phenyl optionally substituted with NH₂ and when n and m are 1 and R₃ and R₃' are hydrogen, then Ar₁ and Ar₂ are not both quinoline which is unsubstituted or substituted on its nitrogen atom with C1-C4 alkyl.
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- 17 The compound according to claim 16 wherein A is chosen from thienyl, pyridyl, phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH- and pyrimidine.
- 18 The compound according to claim 16 wherein p and q are 1.
- 30 19 The compound according to claim 16 wherein Ar₁ and Ar₂ represent:
- a quinoline optionally substituted with at least
 - a group N(Ra)(Rb) in which Ra and Rb are identical

or different, and are independently of each other hydrogen or C1-C4 alkyl; or

- a C1-C4 alkyl or alkoxy;

- a quinoline possessing a nitrogen atom in quaternary form; or
- pyridine.

20 The compound according to claim 16 wherein Ar₁ and Ar₂ are chosen from the following groups: 4-amino-, 4-methylamino-, 4-dimethylamino- or 4-alkoxy-quinolyl or -quinolinium in which the quinolinium is optionally substituted with one or two methyl groups.

21 The compound according to claim 16 wherein A is optionally substituted with one or more radicals chosen from halogen, C1-C4 thioalkyl, amino, C1-C4 alkylamino or C1-C4 dialkylamino.

15 22 The compound according to claim 16 wherein A is optionally substituted with methylthio or halogen.

23 The compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is having a telomerase inhibiting activity.

20 24 The compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is having an anticancer activity.

25 The compound of formula (IA) according to claim 11 wherein: n, m, p and q are identical or different and are integers 0 or 1;

- A represents:

- ◇ thienyl or pyridyl;
- 25 ◇ phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -CH₂-phenyl-CH₂- or -CH=CH-; or
- ◇ pyrimidyl optionally substituted with one or more radicals chosen from halogen or C1-C4 alkylthio;
- R₃ and R'₃, which are identical or different, represent independently of each other hydrogen or C1-C4 alkyl;
- 30 - Ar₁ and Ar₂, which are identical or different, and are independently of each other selected from :

- a quinoline optionally substituted with at least
 - a group N(Ra)(Rb) in which Ra and Rb are identical or different, and are independently of each other hydrogen or C1-C4 alkyl; or
 - 5 - a C1-C4 alkyl or alkoxy;
 - a quinoline possessing a nitrogen atom in quaternary form;
 - a pyridyl; or
 - a mono- or bi- or tricyclic aromatic or non-aromatic heterocyclic ring containing 0 to 2 heteroatoms per ring provided that at least one heteroatom is present in at least one ring optionally substituted with one or more C1-C4 alkyl, C1-C4 alkylene or C2-C4 alkenylene;
 - 10 or an isomer, an enantiomer, a diastereoisomer or a mixture thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 15 26 The compound of formula (IA) according to claim 11 wherein:
- n and m are identical or different and are integers 0 or 1, and p and q are 1;
- A represents:
 - 20 ◊ thienyl or pyridyl;
 - ◊ phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH- or -NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH-; or
 - ◊ pyrimidyl optionally substituted with one or more radicals chosen from halogen or C1-C4 alkylthio;
 - 25 - R₃ and R'₃, which are identical or different, represent independently of each other hydrogen or C1-C4 alkyl;
 - Ar₁ and Ar₂, which are identical or different, and are independently of each other selected from :
 - a quinoline optionally substituted with at least
 - 30 - a group N(Ra)(Rb) in which Ra and Rb, which are identical or different, and are independently of each other hydrogen or C1-C4 alkyl; or
 - a C1-C4 alkyl or alkoxy;
 - a quinoline possessing a nitrogen atom in quaternary

- form;
- a pyridyl; or
 - a mono- or bi- or tricyclic aromatic or non-aromatic heterocyclic ring containing 0 to 2 heteroatoms per ring provided that at least one heteroatom is present in at least one ring optionally substituted with one or more C1-C4 alkyl, C1-C4 alkylene or C2-C4 alkenylene; or an isomer, an enantiomer, a diastereoisomer or a mixture thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
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- 10 27 The compound according to claim 26 wherein Ar₁ and Ar₂, which are identical or different, and are independently of each other chosen from the 4-amino-, 4-methylamino-, 4-dimethylamino- or 4-alkoxy-quinolyl or -quinolinium groups in which the quinolinium is optionally substituted with one or two methyl groups.
- 15 28 The compound according to claim 26 wherein R₃ and R₃' represent hydrogen.
- 29 The compound according to claim 26 wherein :
1. Ar₁ represents :
- a quinoline substituted with at least
 - one group N(Ra)(Rb) in which Ra and Rb are identical or different, and are independently of each other hydrogen or C1-C4 alkyl; or
 - a C1-C4 alkyl or alkoxy;
 - a quinoline possessing a nitrogen atom in quaternary form; and
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- 25 2. Ar₂ represents
- a quinoline substituted with at least
 - one group N(Ra)(Rb) in which Ra and Rb are identical or different, and are independently of each other hydrogen or C1-C4 alkyl; or
 - a C1-C4 alkyl or alkoxy;
 - a quinoline possessing a nitrogen atom in quaternary
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form;

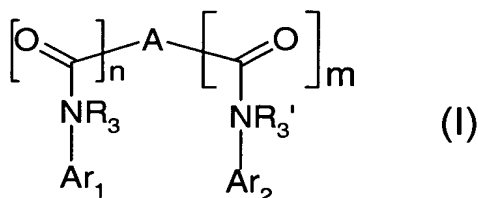
- a pyridyl;
- quinoline, benzimidazole, indole, benzothiophene, benzofuran, benzothiazole, benzoxazole, carbazole, quinazoline, quinoxaline, piperidyl, piperazinyl, morpholino, azepine and diaza-azepine, which are optionally substituted by one or more C1-C4 alkyl, C1-C4 alkylene or C2-C4 alkenylene;

or an isomer, an enantiomer, a diastereoisomer or a mixture thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

30 The compound of formula (IA) according to claim 11 chosen from :

- bis[(4-methoxy-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)-amido]-2,5-thiophenedicarboxylic acid;
- bis[(4-dimethylamino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)-amido]-2,5-thiophenedicarboxylic acid;
- bis[(4-amino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)-amido]-2,5-thiophenedicarboxylic acid;
- N,N'-bis(4-amino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)isophthalamide;
- N,N'-bis(4-dimethylamino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)terephthalamide;
- 1-(4-methoxy-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)-3-{3-[3-(4-methoxy-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)ureido]phenyl}urea;
- 1-(4-dimethylamino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)-3-{4-[3-(4-dimethylamino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)ureido]phenyl}urea;
- N,N'-bis(4-amino-2-methyl-6-quinolyl)-2,4-diamino-6-chloro-5-methylsulfanylpurine;
- bis[(4-amino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)-amido]-2,5-pyridinedicarboxylic acid hydrochloride;
- bis[(4-amino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)-amido]-2,5-pyridinedicarboxylic acid;
- N,N'-bis(4-dimethylamino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)-but-2-enediamide;
- bis[(4-dimethylamino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)-amido]-2,5-pyridinedicarboxylic acid;
- bis[(4-dimethylamino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)-amido]-2,4-pyridinedicarboxylic acid;
- N,N'-bis(4-dimethylamino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)-1,4-

- phenylenediacetamide;
- bis[(4-amino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)-amido]-2,6-pyridinedicarboxylic acid hydrochloride;
 - bis[(4-amino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)amido]-2,6-pyridine dicarboxylic acid;
 - bis[(4-dimethylamino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)amido]-2,6-pyridinedicarboxylic acid hydrochloride; and
 - bis[(4-dimethylamino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)-amido]-2,6-pyridinedicarboxylic acid;
- or an isomer, an enantiomer, a diastereoisomer or a mixture thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof..
- The compound according to claim 30 chosen from :
- bis[(4-dimethylamino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)-amido]-2,5-thiophenedicarboxylic acid;
 - N,N'-bis-(4-amino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)isophthalamide;
 - 1-(4-dimethylamino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)-3-{4-[3-(4-dimethylamino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)ureido]phenyl}urea;
 - N,N'-bis(4-amino-2-methyl-6-quinolyl)-2,4-diamino-6-chloro-5-methylsulfanylpurine;
 - bis[(4-amino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)-amido]-2,5-pyridinedicarboxylic acid hydrochloride;
 - bis[(4-amino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)-amido]-2,5-pyridinedicarboxylic acid;
 - bis-[(4-dimethylamino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)-amido]-2,5-pyridinedicarboxylic acid; and
 - bis[(4-dimethylamino-2-methylquinolin-6-yl)amido]-2,4-pyridinedicarboxylic acid;
- or an isomer, an enantiomer, a diastereoisomer or a mixture thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof..
- A pharmaceutical composition comprising therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula (I) in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier ;



wherein

n and m are identical or different and are integers 0 or 1;

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• A represents:

◊ a 5- to 6-membered heterocyclic radical containing a sulfur, oxygen or nitrogen atom;

◊ a phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH- or -NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH-; or

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◊ a diazine group; and wherein

the heterocyclic, phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, and diazine are optionally substituted with one or more radicals chosen from halogen, C1-C4 alkyl, and thio, oxy or amino which are themselves optionally substituted with one or more C1-C4 alkyl;

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- R₃ and R_{3'}, which are identical or different, represent independently of each other hydrogen or C1-C4 alkyl;

- Ar₁ and Ar₂, which are identical or different, and are independently of each other selected from :

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- a quinoline optionally substituted with at least
 - a group N(Ra)(Rb) in which Ra and Rb are identical or different, and are independently of each other hydrogen or a C1-C4 alkyl; or
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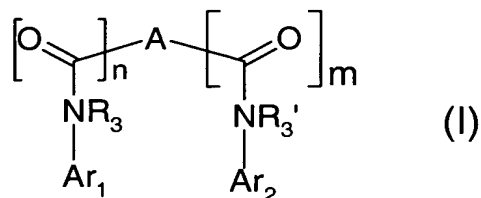
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- a quinoline possessing a nitrogen atom in quaternary form;
- a benzamidine;
- a pyridine optionally attached at the 4-position or fused with an aryl or heteroaryl group, optionally substituted with a C1-C4 alkyl;

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- a phenyl optionally substituted with halogen, C1-C4 alkoxy, cyano, carbonylamino optionally substituted with

- one or more C1-C4 alkyl, guanyl, C1-C4 alkylthio, amino, C1-C4 alkylamino, C1-C4 dialkylamino, nitro, C1-C4 alkyleneamino or C2-C4 alkenyleneamino; or
- 5 • a mono- or bi- or tricyclic aromatic or non-aromatic heterocyclic ring containing 0 to 2 heteroatoms per ring provided that at least one heteroatom is present in at least one ring optionally substituted with one or more C1-C4 alkyl, C1-C4 alkylene or C2-C4 alkenylene;
- 10 or an isomer, an enantiomer, a diastereoisomer or a mixture thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 33 The composition according to claim 32 which further comprises an anticancer agent.
- 34 The composition according to claim 33 wherein the anticancer agent is
15 chosen from alkylating agents, platinum derivatives, antibiotic agents, antimicrotubule agents, anthracyclines, group I and II topoisomerases, fluoropyrimidines, cytidine analogues, adenosine analogues, L-asparaginase, hydroxyurea, trans-retinoic acid, suramine, irinotecan, topotecan, dexrazoxane, amifostine, herceptin, oestrogenic and androgenic hormones and antivascular agents.
- 20 35 The composition according to claim 32 used in conjunction with radiation treatment.
- 36 The composition according to claim 33 wherein each of the components is administered simultaneously, separately or sequentially.
- 25 37. The composition according to claim 35 wherein the compound and the radiation treatment are administered simultaneously, separately or sequentially.
38. A method of treatment of a cancer in a patient comprising administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of a
30 compound of formula (I):



wherein

n and m are identical or different and are integers 0 or 1;

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• A represents:

◊ a 5- to 6-membered heterocyclic radical containing a sulfur, oxygen or nitrogen atom;

◊ a phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH- or -NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH-; or

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◊ a diazine group; and wherein

the heterocyclic, phenyl, -NH-phenyl-NH-, -NH-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, -NH-CH₂-phenyl-CH₂-NH-, and diazine are optionally substituted with one or more radicals chosen from halogen, C1-C4 alkyl, and thio, oxy or amino which are themselves optionally substituted with one or more C1-C4 alkyl;

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- R₃ and R'₃, which are identical or different, represent independently of each other hydrogen or C1-C4 alkyl;

- Ar₁ and Ar₂, which are identical or different, and are independently of each other selected from :

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- a quinoline optionally substituted with at least
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- a quinoline possessing a nitrogen atom in quaternary form;
- a benzamidine;
- a pyridine optionally attached at the 4-position or fused with an aryl or heteroaryl group, optionally substituted with a C1-C4 alkyl;

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- a phenyl optionally substituted with halogen, C1-C4 alkoxy, cyano, carbonylamino optionally substituted with

- one or more C1-C4 alkyl, guanyl, C1-C4 alkylthio, amino, C1-C4 alkylamino, C1-C4 dialkylamino, nitro, C1-C4 alkyleneamino or C2-C4 alkenyleneamino; or
- 5 • a mono- or bi- or tricyclic aromatic or non-aromatic heterocyclic ring containing 0 to 2 heteroatoms per ring provided that at least one heteroatom is present in at least one ring optionally substituted with one or more C1-C4 alkyl, C1-C4 alkylene or C2-C4 alkenylene;
- 10 or an isomer, an enantiomer, a diastereoisomer or a mixture thereof, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.